Subject: Durango 5¢ piece

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Secy Numismatic Society,

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Dear Sir:-

After a long search I have succeeded in obtaining for your society three copies of the Durango five cent piece and I am sending them to you inclosed. These coins must be rare ,at least so I must judge from the difficulty in finding them. I finally got them by going through a lot of coins some thousands of the ordinary copper five cent pieces. The owner of the lot told me that he thought some had Durango in place of Chihuahua. There were three of the Durango coins in the lot and I feel repaid for the afternoons work in sorting them out.

In going over the ordinary coins I noticed some minor differences in weight,appearance etc. and I picked out a few and am sending them to you. I am not sure whether I sent the ten cent copper piece and as you may not have examples I am sending two of them on the chance that they may be of some interest.

Please have the coins in memory of my mother as in the case of the other specimens.

Hoping that I may obtain other material of interest and with sincerest respects, I remain,

Faithfully yours

Francis C. Nicholas

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My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 27th ultmo has been received and I have to tell you that I did not receive the photographs and notes in regard to Mexican Revolutionary coins. I will be in Mexico after a time and will I hope be able to look up more material for you. I will probably be in New Yotk before I return to Mexico and I anticipate the pleasure of calling on you.

I am travelling about so much that it is best to send letters to me in care of my club, The National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park, New York City. I keep them advised in regard to my movements and they are very courteous in forwarding letters.

I am much gratified that the coins are of some interest, and with respects, remain,

Very truly yours

Francis C. Nicholas

From here I am going to Washington D.C. where my address will be in care of Dr Thos G. Lewis, Room 408 Commercial National Bank Bldg.

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My dear Mr.Wood:-

Replying to your interesting letter of the 15th inst I can only express my regrets that I am unable to give any information in regard to the recent coins of Mexico. After five years service as a physician on the Red Cross of that country,giving my services for nothing and meeting all the dangers and difficulties in order to aid the suffering,I have been forced to leave the country and see what I can do to make a new start.

The Mexicans are surely a strange people,the very individuals whose lives I saved sought to do me injury and it was simply useless to attempt holding on any longer. I keep in touch with affairs in that country and later expect to take up my interests again. I will make all effort which the circumstances will permit to learn about the coins and wherever possible will obtain specimens for you.

Regretting that I am not able to take a more active part at present, I remain.

Faithfully yours

Francis C. Nicholas